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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

REFS: A. STATE 120792

B. STATE 136386

C. TEHRAN 6123

1. HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS OUTLINED TEHRAN REFTTEL FOR TEHRAN ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, ONE SLIGHT CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE. THREE SINGLES AT IMPERIAL HOTEL SHOULD BE REDUCED TO TWO RPT TWO.

2. FELLOWS HAVE LEARNED THROUGH TWA OF POSSIBILITY OF SPENDING NIGHT IN PERSEPOLIS ITSELF RATHER THAN IN SHIRAZ. IRAN EXPRESS HAS TOLD TWA IT POSSIBLE BUT HAS ASKED FELLOWS TO SEND MONEY TO COVER COSTS. GIVEN TIME FACTOR AND UNCERTAINTY OF MAILS, DEPARTMENT ADVISED AGAINST THIS. CAN EMBASSY CONTACT IRAN EXPRESS AND ENDEAVOR MAKE SAME ARRANGEMENTS AS IRAN EXPRESS SET FORTH TO TWABUT WITHOUT NECESSITY OF FORWARDING MONEY NOW. IRAN EXPRESS TOLD TWA IT COULD MEET GROUP AT SHIRAZ AIRPORT, TRANSPORT TO PERSEPOLIS, PROVIDE HOTEL ROOMS AT DARIUS INTERCONTINENTAL, EXCURSION IN MORNING AND ALL MEALS AND TRANSPORT BACK TO SHIRAZ AIRPORT FOR TOTAL INDIVIDUAL COST OF 46 DOLS FOR DOUBLES AND WITH 11 DOLS SUPPLEMENT FOR SINGLE ACCOMMODA-

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TIONS. IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED, CANCEL SHIRAZ HOTEL RESER-

VATIONS AND CONFIRM PERSEPOLIS ARRANGEMENTS AND ADVISE.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ARRANGE AMERICAN EXPRESS TOUR OF TEHRAN FOR 16 PERSONS.

4. FELLOWS WISH TO PAY IN CASH FOR ALL EXPENSES PRIOR DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY. TOUR LEADER, BRUCE HASSENKAMP, WILL CASH CHECK FOR THIS PURPOSE AT EMBASSY. INDIVIDUAL EXPENSES SUCH AS HOTEL ROOMS WILL BE PAID BY INDIVIDUALS IN CASH.

5. WITH RESPECT TO DAY-LONG STOPOVER IN ISFAHAN, HAS EMBASSY MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LUNCH AND STORAGE OF BAGGAGE WHILE ON TOUR?

6. WITH REGARD SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMING, FELLOWS WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY AND LONGER ONE WITH HIS DEPUTY, NADIM. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE A MEETING WITH PRINCESS ASHRAF IF SHE IS AVAILABLE.

7. FELLOWS ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF MEETING LOCAL CONTACTS OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL AT SMALL LUNCH OR DINNER. PERHAPS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE TWO OR THREE SUCH AFFAIRS AT SAME TIME WITH CONTACTS OF DIFFERENT OFFICERS BY BREAKING UP FELLOWS INTO SMALLER GROUPS. FELLOWS WILLING PAY COSTS. OBJECTIVE HERE WOULD BE TO MEET YOUNGER COUNTRY LEADERS IN INFORMAL FRIENDLY SETTING.

8. TWA STILL UNABLE CONFIRM FLIGHTS ON IRAN AIR (STATE 147743). WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

9. PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED. INGERSOLL

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